

210 THE *JUDITH* IS A VERY GOOD SAILER.
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GOD long to live to the Glory of GOD, and the comfort of her subjects.

If I may have any warrant from Her Majesty, or from your Honour; I _j shall be glad to set forth four ships of my own presently *[at once]**

- I have already commission from the Cardinal CHATIL-LION for one ship to serve the Princes of NAVARRE and CONDE : but I may not presume any further[^] without commission.

In these things, I shall desire your Honour to be advertised by my servant[^] FRANCIS DRAKE ; and I shall daily pray for your Honour's estate long to endure.

From Plymouth, the 20th of January[^] at night, 1568 [*.\$. 1569],

By your Honour's[^]

WILLIAM
HAWKINS.

For the small bark *[the Judith]* that is come home, if I might be so bold [as] to cause her to be [appraised by four honest men, to the end the Adventurers might be duly answered; I would, for that she is a very good sailer, bestow a £xoo [*E800 now*] upon her presently *[at once]*. Our town is very weak, and hath no 'help of the Prince: wherefore I shall most humbly desire your Honour to be a help for some allowance for us.

By your Honour's*

WILLIAM
HAWKINS,

Addressed—

To the Right Honourable Sir WILLIAM CECIL, Chief Secretary to the Queen's Majesty; give this, at the Court, with all speed!

